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# HERCULES UNCHAINED



Mighty Hercules battles  
man-eating tigers  
and an enemy army  
to save a  
besieged kingdom!





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Tricked into captivity by a wily Queen...



Hercules regains his freedom through his great strength...



...Only to discover that his beloved Jole is the prisoner of a madman.



To save her Hercules must fight his way past a tiger's jaws...



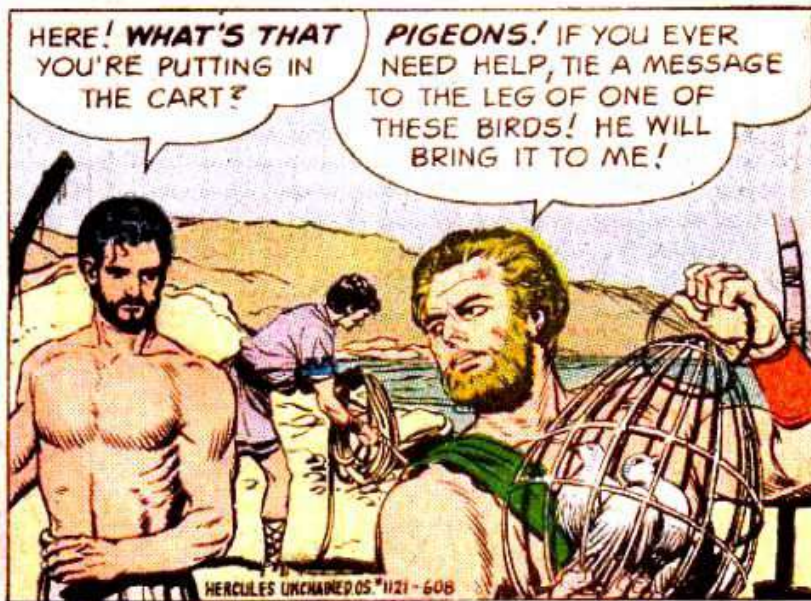
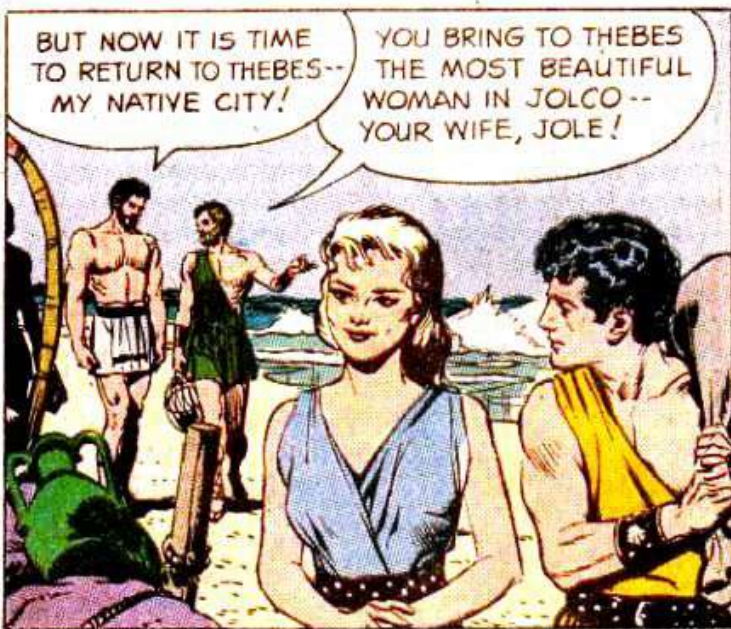
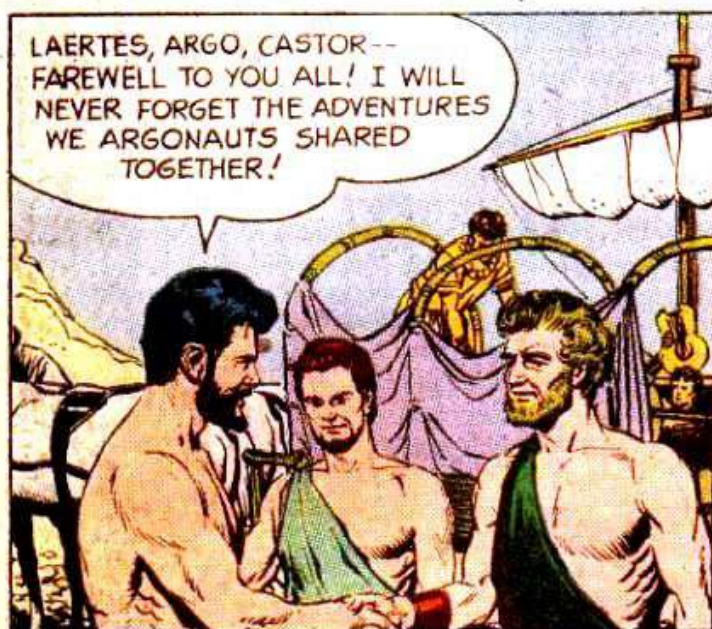
...And topple the towers of a mighty kingdom...



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OFF THE SHORES OF ANCIENT GREECE THE LEGENDARY SHIP ARGOS COMES TO ANCHOR AS THE MIGHTY HERCULES ENDS HIS WANDERING...

RAISE OARS!  
DROP ANCHOR!



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WAIT! THOSE ARE  
**MY PIGEONS!**  
PENELOPE, MY  
BETROTHED, GAVE  
THEM TO ME  
AS A **GIFT!**

TRUE! BUT THESE  
PIGEONS ARE  
**TRAINED TO FLY  
BACK** TO  
ITHACA WHENEVER  
THEY ARE RELEASED!



AND AS THE CART BEGINS ITS JOURNEY...

GOOD-BYE,  
MY FATHER!

FAREWELL, HERCULES! A GOOD  
JOURNEY, JOLE! ULYSSES, REMEMBER  
TO HEED HERCULES' TEACHING!



THEBES IS A DAY'S JOURNEY FROM  
HERE! BY TOMORROW WE'LL SEE A  
REAL CITY--THE CITY OF MY BIRTH!  
THE PEOPLE OF THEBES HAVE  
COURTESY AND MANNERS!



JUST THEN--

SOLDIERS! THEY'RE  
FORCING US OFF  
THE ROAD!



COUGH!  
COUGH!

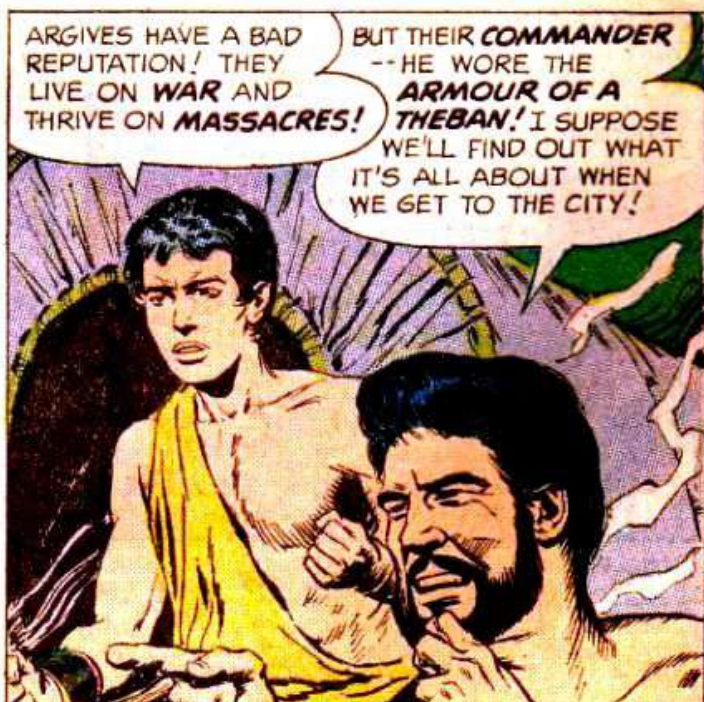
THERE ARE  
THEBAN  
MANNERS FOR  
YOU!

THOSE **WEREN'T**  
THEBAN SOLDIERS!  
THEY'RE ARGIVES!  
BUT WHAT ARE  
THEY DOING HERE  
SO CLOSE TO  
THEBES?

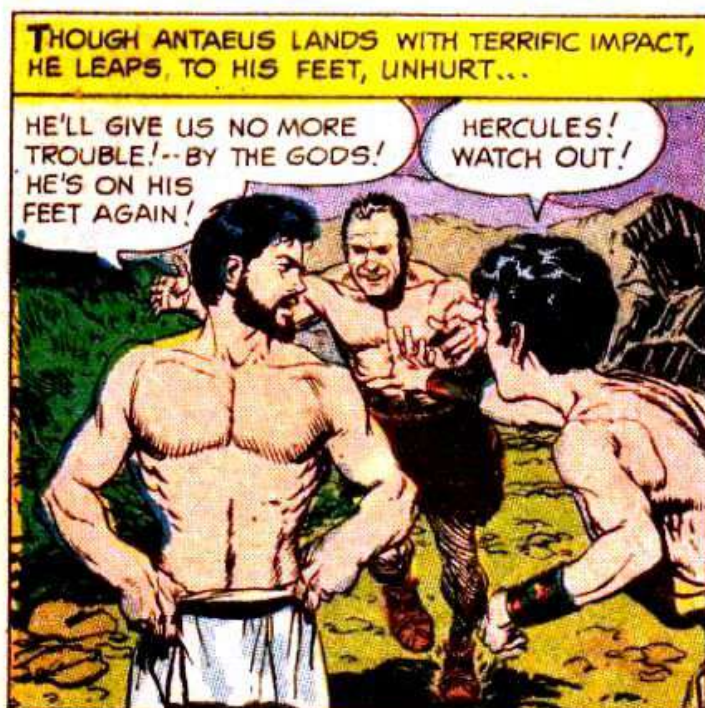


ARGIVES HAVE A BAD  
REPUTATION! THEY  
LIVE ON **WAR** AND  
THRIVE ON **MASSACRES!**

BUT THEIR **COMMANDER**  
--HE WORE THE  
**ARMOUR OF A  
THEBAN!** I SUPPOSE  
WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT  
IT'S ALL ABOUT WHEN  
WE GET TO THE CITY!

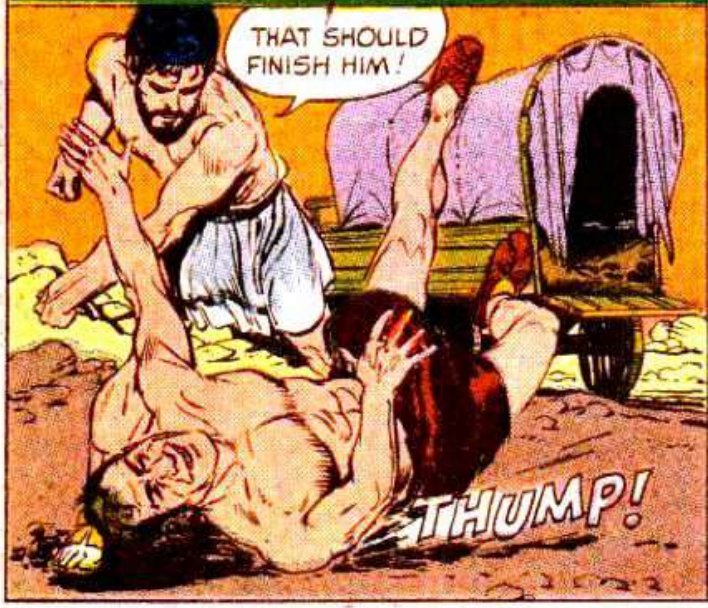








BUT WITH A SUDDEN DEFT MOVE HERCULES BREAKS THE HOLD AND TURNS THE TABLES...



THUNDERBOLTS OF ZEUS! NO ONE COULD SURVIVE THAT FALL! BUT HE'S GETTING UP AGAIN!

HERCULES!--ANTAEUS IS THE SON OF THE EARTH GODDESS! HE GETS STRONGER EACH TIME HE TOUCHES HIS MOTHER, THE EARTH!



PANIC SEIZES THE GIANT AS HIS FEET LEAVE THE GROUND...

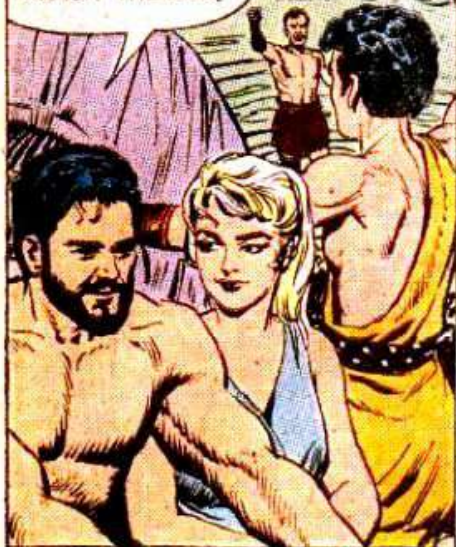


BUT WITH EVERY SECOND ANTAEUS GROWS WEAKER UNTIL...





AND NOW LET US CONTINUE  
OUR JOURNEY! WE'VE GOT  
A LONG WAY TO GO TO  
REACH THEBES!



BUT BEFORE LONG -- A SUDDEN STORM!

HERCULES -- WE'LL HAVE  
TO FIND SHELTER  
SOMEWHERE!

WE'LL FIND IT IN THAT  
FOREST JUST AHEAD! I  
PLAYED THERE AS A  
BOY! THEY SAY THE  
GATES OF INFERNO  
ARE HIDDEN AMONG  
THOSE TREES!



LOOK -- A  
CAVE!

GET UNDER SHELTER  
WHILE I COVER THE  
HORSES!



BUT BEFORE JOLE CAN REACH THE CAVE ...

I *THOUGHT* I HEARD  
SOMEONE NEAR THE  
CAVE ENTRANCE! LOOK  
WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE,  
COMMANDER ANFIKAO!

A GIFT FROM THE  
GODS! I DIDN'T  
KNOW THESE  
THEBAN GIRLS  
COULD BE SO  
PRETTY!



LET ME GO!  
HERCULES,  
HELP!

IT'S JOLE! SHE'S  
IN TROUBLE!



LET HER  
GO!







HE KNOCKED DOWN  
OUR COMMANDER,  
ANFIRAO!

PUT BACK YOUR SWORD,  
FOOL! THAT WAS HERCULES!  
HE COULD WIPE OUT OUR  
WHOLE TROOP, SINGLE-HANDED!



THOSE SOLDIERS NEEDED  
THAT LESSON IN  
MANNERS, HERCULES!

QUIET!  
I HEAR  
VOICES!



THERE BEFORE THEM A WEIRD DRAMA UNFOLDS...

ASK NO HELP FROM ME, POLYNICES!  
YOU AND ETEOCLES, MY OWN  
SONS, **STOLE MY KINGDOM!**  
NOW I WILL REMAIN HERE IN MY  
ASYLUM UNTIL I DIE!



IT'S OEDIPUS,  
KING OF THEBES!

MY EYES SEE ONLY  
DARKNESS, BUT MY  
EARS RECOGNIZE THE  
VOICE OF MY FAITHFUL  
FRIEND, HERCULES!



**OEDIPUS!** WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING  
HERE? YOU SHOULD  
BE IN **THEBES!**

POLYNICES, WHO KNEELS  
BEFORE YOU HERE, --  
HE AND HIS BROTHER  
PERSUADED ME TO  
LEAVE THE  
THRONE!



POLYNICES AND ETEOCLES  
AGREED THAT EACH  
WOULD RULE THEBES  
IN TURN FOR **ONE YEAR!**

IT'S **MY**  
**TURN** TO  
RULE NOW,  
BUT  
ETEOCLES  
**DROVE** ME  
FROM THEBES!



AND NOW THIS SCHEMER  
WANTS ME TO HELP HIM  
SEIZE THE THRONE--WITH  
THE AID OF THE ARMY  
OF THE ARGIVES!

THE ARGIVES!  
THEY WOULD  
DESTROY  
THEBES! ITS  
PEOPLE WOULD  
BE SLAIN,  
THE CITY  
LOOTED!



POLYNICES, I WILL NOT  
PERMIT MY NATIVE CITY  
TO BE DESTROYED!  
I'LL GO TO ETEOCLES  
AND CONVINCE HIM  
TO RESPECT  
YOUR FACT!

VERY WELL! I  
GRANT YOU SIX  
DAYS TO MAKE  
PEACE BETWEEN  
US!



SIX DAYS! AFTER  
THAT I MARCH WITH  
MY ARGIVE ARMY  
AGAINST THEBES!



AND NOW THE EERIE DRAMA COMES TO A CLOSE  
AS A VOICE FROM THE DEPTHS SUMMONS THE  
OLD KING...

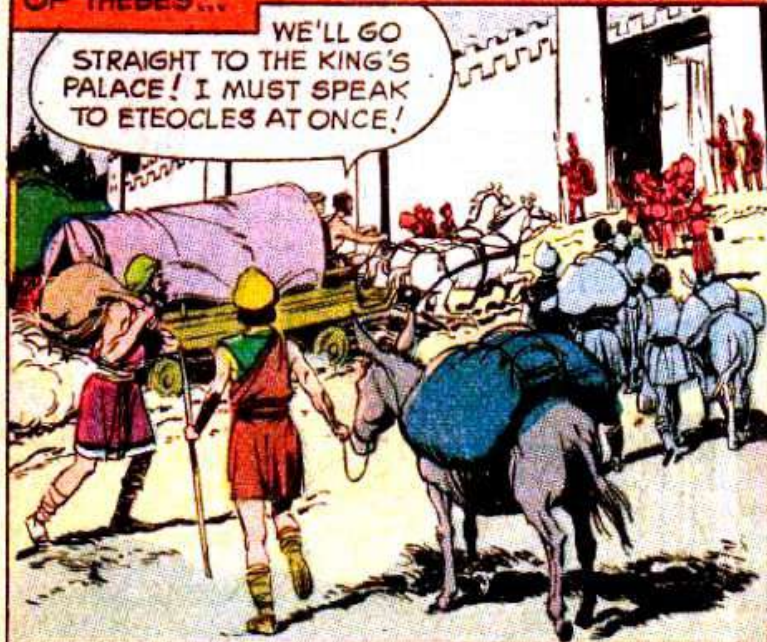
FAREWELL, OEDIPUS!

THE TIME HAS  
COME, OEDIPUS!  
THE GATES ARE  
OPENING FOR YOU!



THE NEXT DAY HERCULES ARRIVES AT THE GATES  
OF THEBES...

WE'LL GO  
STRAIGHT TO THE KING'S  
PALACE! I MUST SPEAK  
TO ETEOCLES AT ONCE!



BUT AT THE PALACE...

HERCULES, WAIT! THE  
KING GAVE ORDERS!  
HE DOESN'T LIKE TO  
BE DISTURBED WHEN  
HE'S WATCHING  
HIS TIGERS!

STAND ASIDE,  
CREON! I HAVE  
A MESSAGE  
THAT WON'T  
WAIT!





**HERCULES!** YOU MUST HAVE A REALLY IMPORTANT MESSAGE OR YOU WOULDN'T **DARE** DISTURB ME NOW!

ETEOCLES, I BRING WORD FROM YOUR BROTHER, **POLYNICES!**



**POLYNICES!** I SHOULD HAVE THROWN HIM TO MY **TIGERS!** **HSST!** QUIET NOW, THIS IS THE BEST PART OF THE PERFORMANCE!



THE PERFORMANCE ENDS BUT AS THE LAST TIGER LEAVES THE PIT, **SUDDENLY...**



THE TRAINER-- HE'S DEAD, YOUR HIGHNESS!

**BAH!** YOU CAN'T FIND A CAPABLE TRAINER, ANY MORE!

WELL, HERCULES, WHAT DOES MY BROTHER WANT?



HE WANTS YOU TO SHARE THE THRONE WITH HIM OR HE **MARCHES ON THEBES** WITH THE ARGIVE ARMY!

AND I'M SUPPOSED TO **DISAPPEAR** AND RETURN IN A YEAR-- IF MY BROTHER FEELS LIKE IT!



SO, HE'S HIRED THE ARGIVE ARMY! HM! WITHOUT ALLIES I COULDN'T HOPE TO WIN! IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR ME TO LEAVE THEBES AT THAT! I COULD SAIL TO EGYPT-- THEY SAY THE EGYPTIANS HAVE SOME FINE ANIMAL TRAINERS!







VERY WELL, HERCULES!  
I'LL **LEAVE THE THRONE!** THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR GREAT SAGE CREON HAPPY! HE ALWAYS DISAPPROVED OF ME!

HE THINKS AND ACTS LIKE A MADMAN!



JUST THEN, IN THE TIGER PIT...

THOSE PEOPLE? WHO ARE THEY?

**PRISONERS!** THAT DOOR LEADS TO THE **TOWER OF TIGERS!** IF THEY TRY TO ESCAPE, THEY MEET THE SAME FATE AS THE ANIMAL TRAINER!



THE NEXT DAY ETEOCLES VISITS THE HOME OF HERCULES IN THEBES...

HERE, HERCULES! TAKE THIS TREATY TO MY BROTHER FOR HIS SIGNATURE! TELL HIM I'LL DO AS HE ASKS-- **FOR THE PRESENT!**

I'LL START OUT **AT ONCE,** ETEOCLES!



AND THIS IS YOUR WIFE **JOLE?** I'VE HEARD MUCH OF HER! DOES SHE GO WITH YOU?

**NO! CREON** WILL STAY TO GUARD HER UNTIL I GET HOME!



SO JOLE REMAINS, EH? EXCELLENT! THEN, IF HERCULES AND POLYNICES TRY ANY TRICKS, I'LL USE HER AS A **HOSTAGE!**



LATE THAT AFTERNOON ON THE JOURNEY TOWARD POLYNICES' CAMP...

THIS SPRING LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO CAMP! I'LL START A FIRE! YOU GET SOME GAME!

DON'T WORRY! I WON'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED!



BUT AS HERCULES DRINKS HE SEEMS TO HEAR  
A WARNING ECHO...

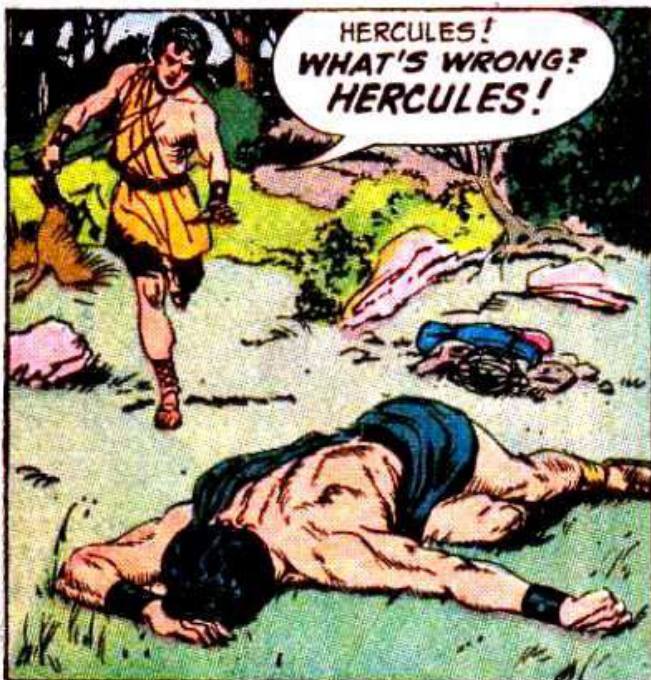
THESE ARE THE WATERS OF  
FORGETFULNESS! YOU WHO DRINK  
OF THEM WILL  
FORGET ALL--  
EVERY-  
THING!



MY HEAD! IT'S SPINNING!  
WHERE AM I? WHO--



HERCULES!  
WHAT'S WRONG?  
HERCULES!



MOMENTS LATER, ANOTHER SURPRISE...

SOLDIERS! STRANGERS! I'D  
BETTER GUARD MY TONGUE  
UNTIL I FIND OUT WHO THEY  
ARE AND WHAT THEY WANT!



ALL RIGHT!  
WHO IS THIS  
MAN? AND  
WHO ARE YOU?

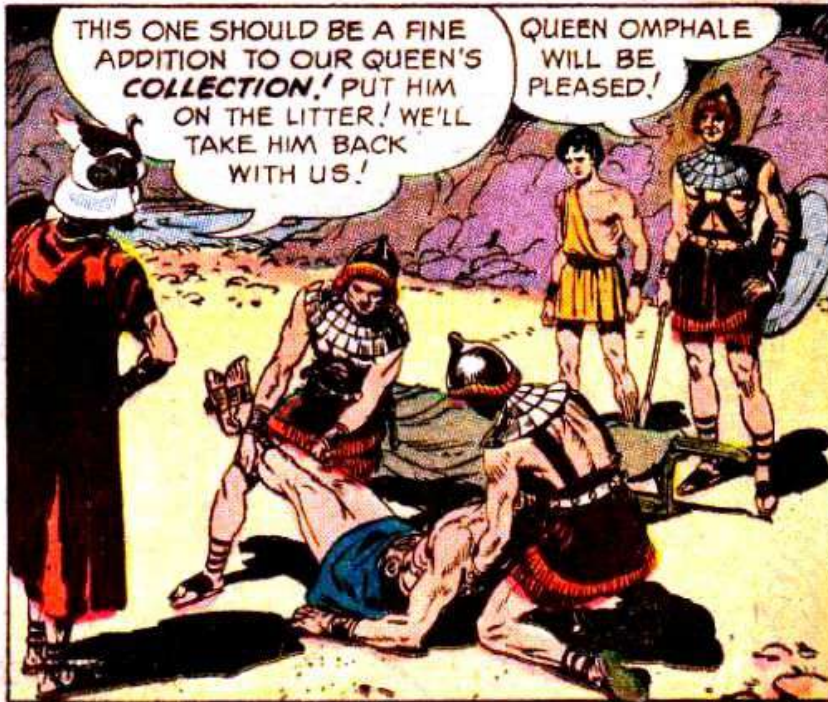
UHHH!  
UHHH!

LOOKS TO  
ME LIKE THE  
BOY IS A  
DEAF-MUTE!



THIS ONE SHOULD BE A FINE  
ADDITION TO OUR QUEEN'S  
COLLECTION! PUT HIM  
ON THE LITTER! WE'LL  
TAKE HIM BACK  
WITH US!

QUEEN OMPHALE  
WILL BE  
PLEASED!



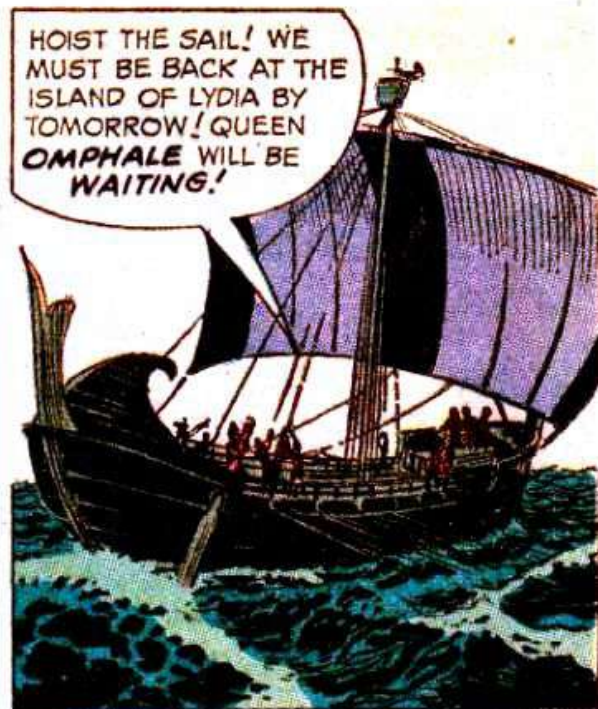




FILL THE **LEATHER SKINS** AT THE SPRING OF FORGETFULNESS AND FOLLOW US TO THE **SHIP!**

YES, COMMANDER SANDONE!

SPRING OF FORGETFULNESS! SO **THAT'S IT!**



HOIST THE SAIL! WE MUST BE BACK AT THE ISLAND OF LYDIA BY TOMORROW! QUEEN **OMPHALE** WILL BE WAITING!



THE NEXT NIGHT... ON THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND KINGDOM OF LYDIA...

THIS IS **HERCULES THE THEBAN**, YOUR HIGHNESS! AND HIS SERVANT, A POOR DEAF-MUTE!

YOU HAVE CHOSEN WELL, SANDONE! HE SHOULD MAKE A HANDSOME KING FOR LYDIA! NOW TAKE THEM TO THEIR QUARTERS!



AS FOR THIS ONE -- HE IS OF **NO FURTHER USE!** TAKE HIM AND DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!

**OMPHALE!** YOU CAN'T DO THIS! YOU TOLD ME I WAS THE **KING!** -- THAT I WOULD SHARE YOUR THRONE!



IT IS MORNING WHEN **HERCULES** WAKES FROM HIS STUPOR! HE IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE QUEEN...

YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE! CAN'T YOU HELP ME? I **DON'T REMEMBER** WHO I AM -- OR HOW I CAME HERE! I CAN'T REMEMBER **ANYTHING!**

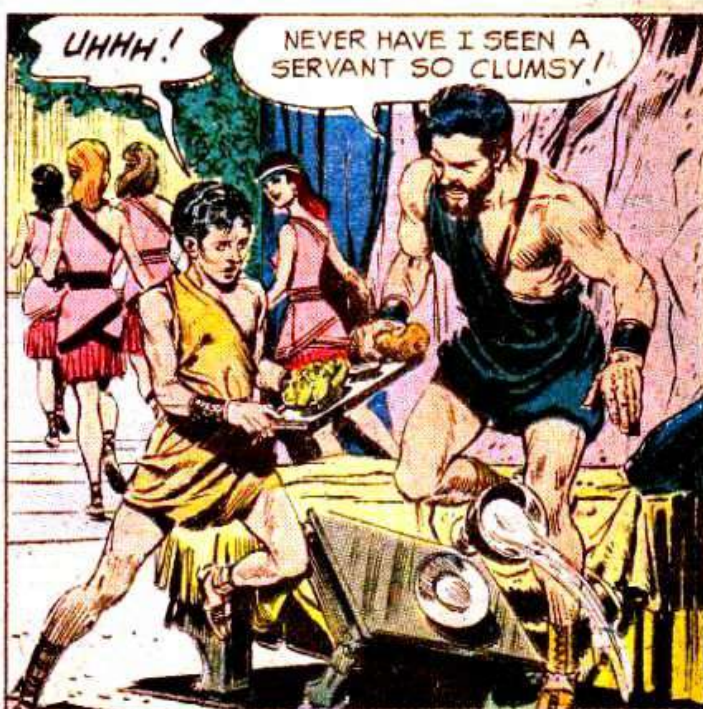
AND IS THAT SO IMPORTANT?



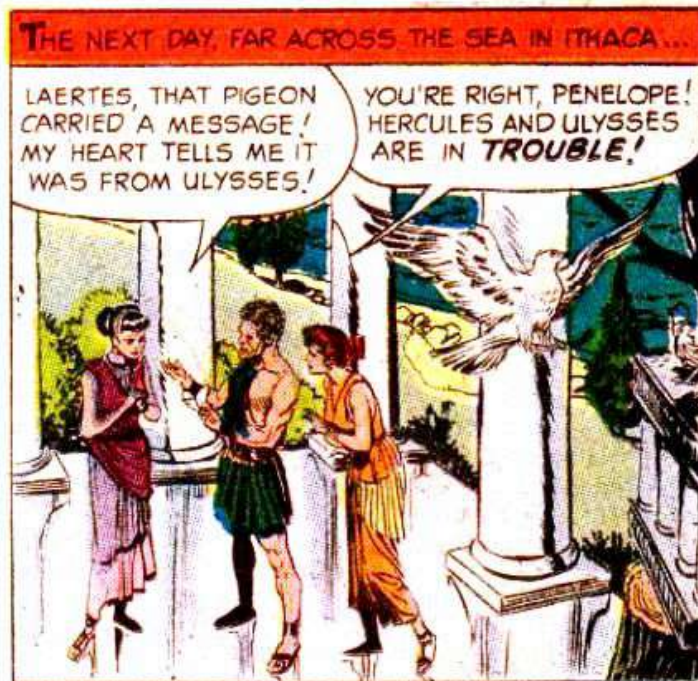
COME, SIT BESIDE ME! DO YOU KNOW THIS BOY?

**NO!** I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE IN MY LIFE!











AND AS THE VALIANT SHIP, **ARGOS** SETS SAIL...



MEANWHILE IN THE ROYAL PALACE AT THEBES...

THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED AND NO WORD FROM HERCULES! I SAY HE IS PLOTTING WITH POLYNICES TO DESTROY ME!

OUR SPIES REPORT THE ARGIVES ARE GATHERING FOR BATTLE. I HAVE SEEN THEIR TROOP CONCENTRATIONS WITH MY OWN EYES!



BUT HERCULES WOULD **NEVER** BETRAY YOU! HE KNOWS YOU'D TAKE JOLE AS **HOSTAGE**!

I'VE GOT A **SURPRISE** FOR YOU, CREON!

BRING IN THE WOMAN!



THERE'S YOUR **JOLE**! MY MEN CAUGHT HER TRYING TO LEAVE THE CITY TO JOIN HERCULES!

CREON, I HADN'T HEARD FROM HERCULES FOR DAYS! I WAS WORRIED! I WAS GOING TO **SEARCH** FOR HIM!



AND YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT STORY?

TAKE HER AWAY! ARREST ALL THEBANS SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING WITH POLYNICES! YOU CAN START WITH **CREON**!



IN THE DISTANT PALACE OF OMPHALE, ULYSSES WATCHES HIS FRIEND...

THE **WATERS OF FORGETFULNESS**! OMPHALE'S SERVANTS ARE POURING ANOTHER GOBLET FOR HERCULES!









"BUT JUST BEFORE I SLIPPED AWAY --"

AND WHEN CAN WE  
EXPECT TO GET TO WORK  
ON HERCULES?

I-I'LL LET  
YOU KNOW!



YOU **MUSTN'T** TELL ANY  
OF THIS TO THE QUEEN! I  
FEAR WHAT SHE **PLANS**  
FOR YOU, HERCULES!

HERCULES-- THAT  
NAME YOU CALL ME!  
SOMEHOW IT SOUNDS  
MORE FAMILIAR  
NOW!



I SEEM TO REMEMBER  
SOMETHING! I WAS  
**STRONG**, THEN...

GOOD! THEN YOUR  
MEMORY IS BEGINNING  
TO **RETURN**!



THAT AFTERNOON...

I'LL SEE THEM AT  
ONCE, SANDONE!

GREAT QUEEN, VOYAGERS HAVE  
JUST ARRIVED! LAERTES OF  
ITHACA AND HIS CREW! THEY  
ARE WAITING TO PRESENT  
THEIR RESPECTS!

HERCULES,  
YOU WAIT  
**HERE**!



BUT EVEN AS ULYSSES HEARS  
THE EXCITING NEWS...

ALL RIGHT, **YOU**! GET  
BACK INTO YOUR **CELL**!  
MY ORDERS ARE TO  
KEEP YOU **OUT OF**  
**SIGHT** WHEN  
THERE ARE  
STRANGERS  
ABOUT!

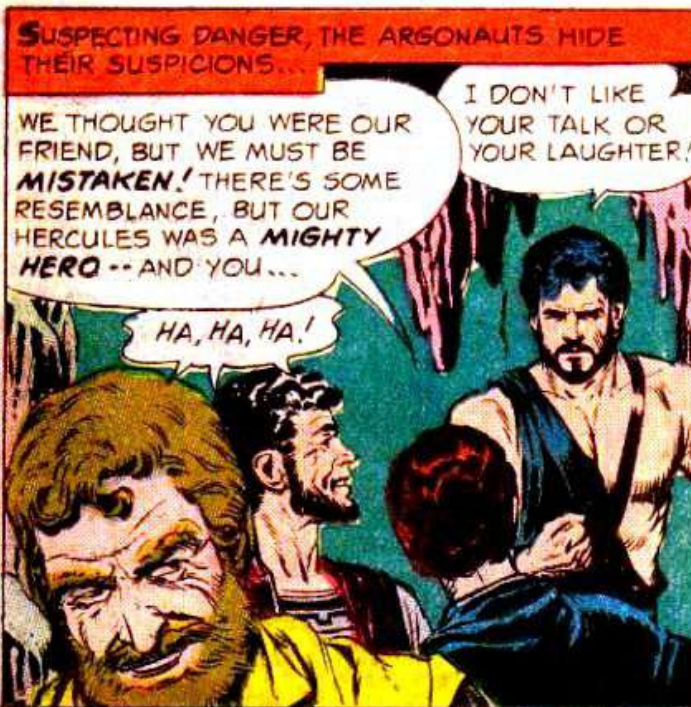
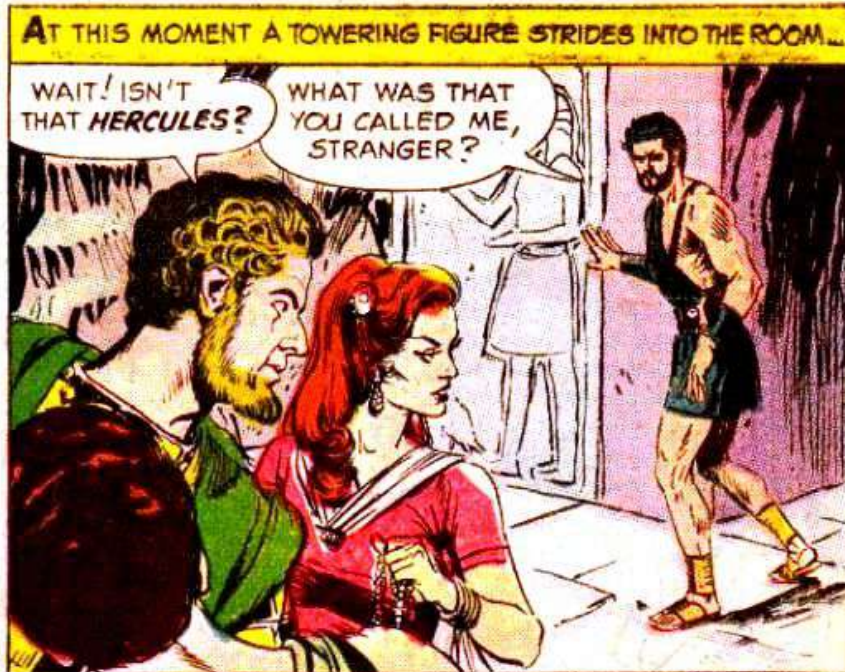


SOON...

GRACIOUS QUEEN, WE  
HAVE A PERILOUS VOYAGE  
AHEAD! ALL WE ASK IS **HOSPITALITY**  
WHILE WE ARE ON YOUR ISLAND!  
ACCEPT THESE GIFTS WITH  
OUR GRATITUDE!









**BUT AS THE ARGONAUTS TURN FROM THE THRONE...**

YOU THERE, I THINK I'VE MET YOU BEFORE! STAY A MOMENT WHILE I TRY TO REMEMBER!...WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

THEY CALL ME **CASTOR!** AT YOUR SERVICE, MY QUEEN!



**DAYS PASS! IN DISTANT THEBES, A CRISIS APPROACHES...**

THE SIX DAYS HAVE LONG PASSED, POLYNICES, AND STILL NO WORD FROM THEBES! HERCULES AND ETEOCLES ARE **CONSPIRING** AGAINST YOU!

I'LL BE **KING YET**, ANFIRAO! YOUR ARGIVE WARRIORS WILL CONQUER THEBES FOR ME!



WITH THOSE NEW SIEGE TOWERS, MY WARRIORS WILL SWARM OVER THE WALLS OF THEBES! THE RICHES OF THE CITY WILL BE **OURS!**



**NEWS OF THE IMPENDING ATTACK COMES TO THEBES...**

LOOK DOWN THERE, YOUR HIGHNESS! THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ARE CROWDING INTO THE CITY TO TAKE REFUGE FROM THE ARGIVES!

WITHOUT MY **PERMISSION?** WE HAVE TOO MANY TO FEED IN THEBES **ALREADY!**



**CLOSE THE GATES!** ABANDON THOSE CLOUDS TO THE ENEMY!

**NO!** LET US IN, OR WE'LL ALL BE **DESTROYED!**



**AND IN THE THEBAN DUNGEONS...**

O CREON, WE'LL **NEVER** GET OUT OF THE **TOWER OF TIGERS** ALIVE! IF ONLY **HERCULES** WERE HERE!

BE BRAVE, JOLE! I KNOW THAT **SOMEHOW** HERCULES WILL FIND A WAY TO HELP US!









MEANWHILE HERCULES HAS ENTERED THE THRONE ROOM WHERE...

OMPHALE, YOU PRETEND TO BE ATTRACTED TO ME, BUT YOU ONLY WANT ME TO TELL YOU WHY WE CAME HERE TO LYDIA!

I *KNOW* WHY YOU CAME HERE, CASTOR! YOU SEEK *HERCULES*!



I PITY YOU, OMPHALE! ONCE HERCULES RECOVERS HIS MEMORY YOU CAN NEVER HOLD HIM HERE!

*HERCULES!* I CURSE THE DAY HE ENTERED THIS PALACE!



SO YOU CURSE THE DAY I CAME HERE? NOW I BEGIN TO PULL THE THREADS TOGETHER... *AT LAST* I KNOW WHO I *REALLY* AM!

*HERCULES!*



I DID IT BECAUSE I LOVED YOU! I LOVE YOU MORE THAN JOLE EVER COULD!

I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE -- BUT YOU DON'T DESERVE IT! I'M LEAVING THIS ISLAND AT ONCE!



THE QUEEN'S PLEADING IS IN VAIN... AND SOON...

LET IT BE AS YOU WISH, HERCULES! NOW, REJOIN YOUR FRIENDS! I WILL SEE THAT YOU GET AWAY FROM MY ISLAND SAFELY!



AS HERCULES' COMPANIONS REJOICE IN THE REUNION...

THANK THE GODS THAT HERCULES IS *ALIVE*! BUT WHAT OF MY SON *ULYSSES*?

IF HE'S AMONG THE LIVING, HE'LL GET TO US SOMEHOW!





IN THE NEXT INSTANT AN ANGRY SOLDIER RUSHES IN...

**SANDONE!**  
THE CAPTAIN OF MY  
GUARDS! THEN, **WHO  
IS THIS?**

THAT'S HERCULES'  
SERVANT BRAT! HE  
AMBUSHED ME IN THE  
DUNGEON AND STOLE  
MY CLOAK!



**YOU! I'VE GOT A  
SCORE TO SETTLE  
BEFORE YOU LEAVE!**

**IT'S ULYSSES!  
ULYSSES, MY  
SON!**



HERCULES IS INSTANTLY READY FOR BATTLE...

**CUT THEM DOWN!  
SPARE NO ONE  
BUT HERCULES!**



AND AS ULYSSES' SWORD STRIKES HOME...

**THIS WAY, ULYSSES!**



BUT AT THE PALACE GATES...

**HERCULES!  
WE'RE CUT OFF!**

**WE'RE NOT  
FINISHED YET!**







HE HAS THE  
STRENGTH OF  
THE GODS!

**CRASH!**

THEY HAVE EVERY GATE  
FROM THE PALACE **BLOCKED!**  
ULYSSES, WHAT ABOUT THAT  
**CAVE** YOU TOLD ME ABOUT?

IT'S THIS WAY,  
HERCULES!  
THROUGH THAT  
UNDERBRUSH!



SO, IT **WASN'T** ALL  
YOUR IMAGINATION,  
ULYSSES!

I TOLD YOU, HERCULES,  
BUT YOU WOULDN'T  
**BELIEVE** ME!



ALL THE QUEEN'S OLD  
FAVORITES -- TURNED  
TO **LIVING STONE!**

AND THIS PEDESTAL  
WAS WAITING FOR  
YOU, HERCULES!



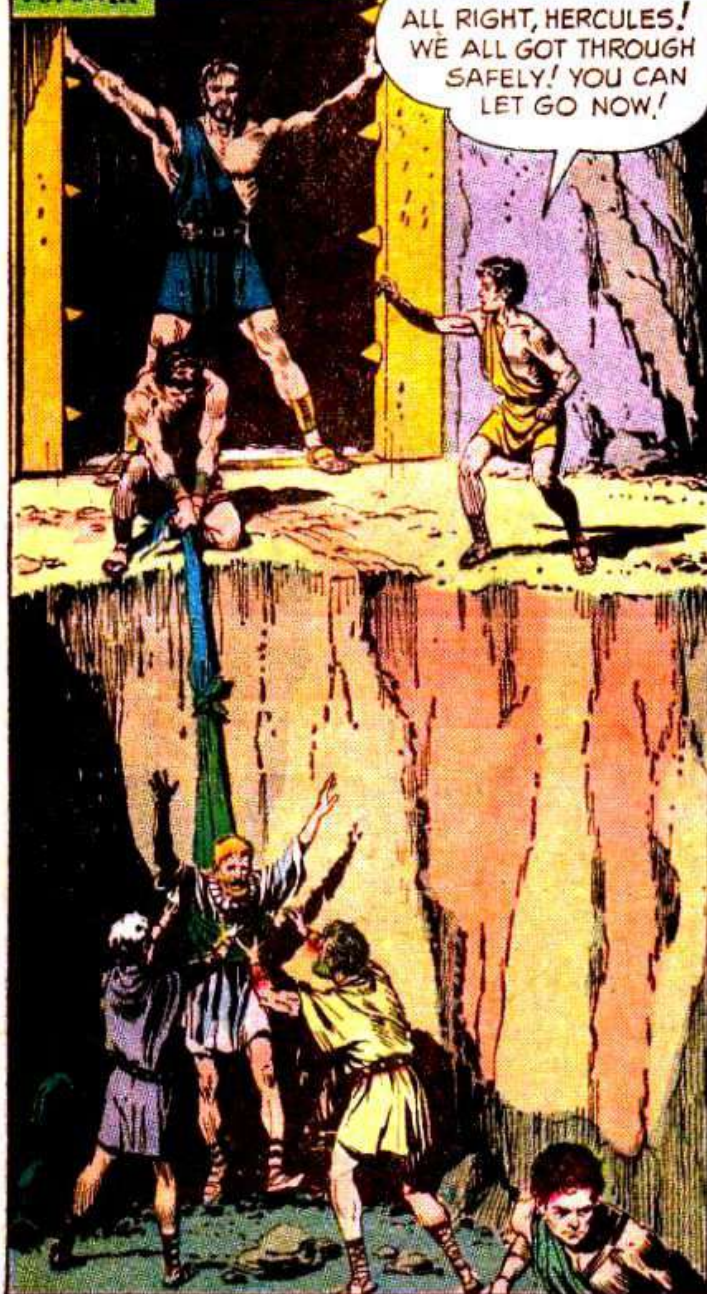
LOOK UP THERE! THERE'S  
LIGHT COMING THROUGH!  
IT MUST BE A WAY OUT  
OF THIS GROTTA!

THAT DOOR!  
IT'S **CLOSING!**





**HERCULES' MIGHTY SINEWS HOLD THE DOORS APART...**



ALL RIGHT, HERCULES!  
WE ALL GOT THROUGH  
SAFELY! YOU CAN  
LET GO NOW!

LOOK THERE! WE'RE  
FREE AT LAST!



THE SEA!  
THE SEA!

AND THERE'S  
THE ARGOS  
WAITING FOR  
US!



**SOON, ABOARD THE ARGOS...**

HERCULES, YOU WERE  
IMPRISONED ON THAT  
ISLAND FOR TWENTY  
DAYS! WE'LL HAVE  
TO MOVE **QUICKLY!**

**TWENTY DAYS!**  
THEN THE TIME  
LIMIT WAS UP **LONG**  
**AGO!** POLYNICES IS  
PROBABLY ATTACKING  
THEBES RIGHT NOW!  
AND **JOLE** IS IN THE  
HANDS OF THAT  
MADMAN  
**ETEOCLES!**



**HOIST SAIL!**  
MAKE **ALL SPEED**  
TO THE SHORES  
OF **THEBES!**





THE NEXT DAY BEFORE THE WALLS OF THEBES...

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE  
I **DEMAND** THE **SURRENDER**  
OF THEBES! TO THE FOLLOWERS  
OF ETEOCLES I GUARANTEE  
THEIR PROPERTY AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS! AS FOR ETEOCLES,  
HE WILL BE SENT INTO **EXILE**!



HEAR ME, POLYNICES! I WILL  
NEVER SURRENDER THE  
CITY TO A TRAITOR WHO  
HIRES ALIENS TO FIGHT  
AGAINST THEBES!



AS FOR YOUR **ACCOMPLICE**,  
**HERCULES**--I HOLD HIS FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS AS **PRISONERS**!  
THEY SHALL REMAIN IN THE  
**TOWER OF TIGERS** UNTIL I  
WIN VICTORY!



TWO NIGHTS LATER HERCULES ARRIVES ON THE  
THEBAN SHORE...

IT'S TRUE! THEBES  
LIES UNDER SIEGE! THEY SAY  
THAT JOLE AND ALL YOUR  
FAMILY ARE IN PRISON IN THE  
TOWER OF TIGERS!



IF THAT MADMAN  
HARMS MY  
FAMILY OR  
FRIENDS, I'LL...

HERCULES, DON'T  
RETURN TO THEBES!  
THEY SAY ETEOCLES  
HAS SET A TRAP  
FOR YOU! HE  
PLANS TO THROW  
YOUR WIFE TO THE  
TIGERS BEFORE  
YOUR VERY  
EYES!



I MUST FIND SOME WAY  
**INTO THE CITY**! I **MUST**  
SAVE JOLE AND MY LOVED  
ONES BEFORE ETEOCLES  
**DESTROYS**  
THEM ALL!





THE NEXT MORNING POLYNICES PLANS FOR THE COMING BATTLE...

HAVE NO FEAR, ANFIRAO! WHEN WE ATTACK, MY SUPPORTERS IN THE CITY WILL **REVOLT** AND HELP US!

DON'T BE A **FOOL**, POLYNICES! MY SPIES TELL ME YOUR FRIENDS ARE EITHER **ELIMINATED** OR **IMPRISONED**!



JUST THEN...

AN **EMISSARY** FROM THEBES, YOUR HIGHNESS! HE BRINGS A **MESSAGE**!

SO ETEOCLES IS READY TO COME TO TERMS, EH? ALL RIGHT! SEND HIM IN!



POLYNICES, ETEOCLES OFFERS TO SETTLE THE RULE OF THEBES IN SINGLE COMBAT! JUST YOU AND HE ALONE!

A DUEL? NOT A BAD IDEA! I COULD LOSE A THIRD OF MY MEN IN AN ASSAULT ON THE CITY!



POLYNICES, WE THEBANS ARE WEARY OF QUARRELS AND BLOODSHED! LET THIS DUEL SETTLE YOUR DIFFERENCES-- UNLESS YOU'RE **AFRAID**!

I DO NOT FEAR ETEOCLES! I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!



BUT WHAT IF YOU ARE **KILLED**, POLYNICES? WILL YOUR ARGIVE MERCENARIES **LEAVE** OUR CITY AND RETURN HOMEWARD?

CERTAINLY! YOU HAVE MY **WORD**! WE ARGIVES ARE MEN OF **HONOR**!



MEANWHILE HERCULES HAS FOUND AN UNGUARDED SPOT IN THE WALLS OF THEBES...

THAT STREAM FLOWS UNDER THE CITY WALL! THAT COULD BE OUR CHANCE, IF WE CAN PRY APART THE BARS IN THAT GATE!

LET ME GO FIRST! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT GATE!





DEEP BENEATH THE SURFACE, OUT OF SIGHT  
OF HIDDEN SENTRIES...



THEN, ONE BY ONE, HIS COMPANIONS FOLLOW...



BUT WHERE'S  
HERCULES? HE'S  
**NOWHERE IN  
SIGHT!**

NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT  
HERCULES NOW! HERE  
COME SOME OF  
ETEOCLES SOLDIERS!



MAKE SHORT WORK OF THEM!  
QUICKLY, WE MUST FIND  
HERCULES!



**BUT AT THAT MOMENT...**

THIS GATE--IT  
LOOKS LIKE AN  
ENTRANCE INTO  
ETEOCLES'  
PALACE!

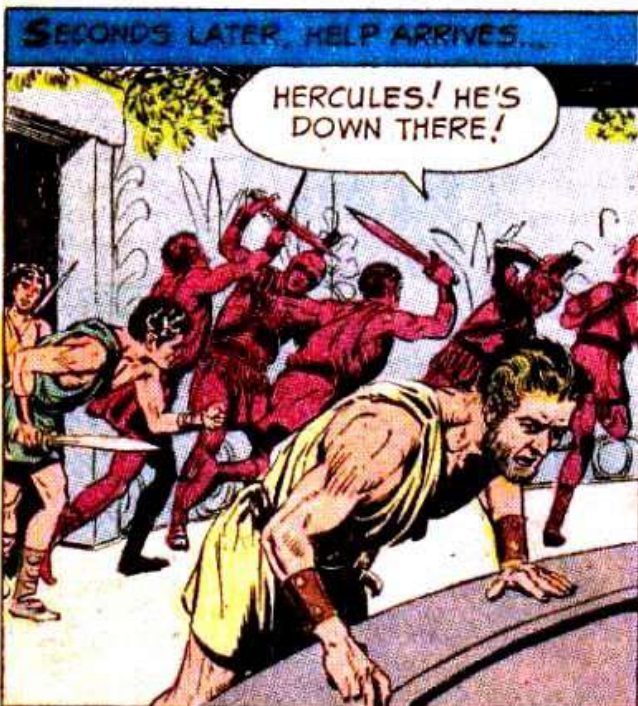


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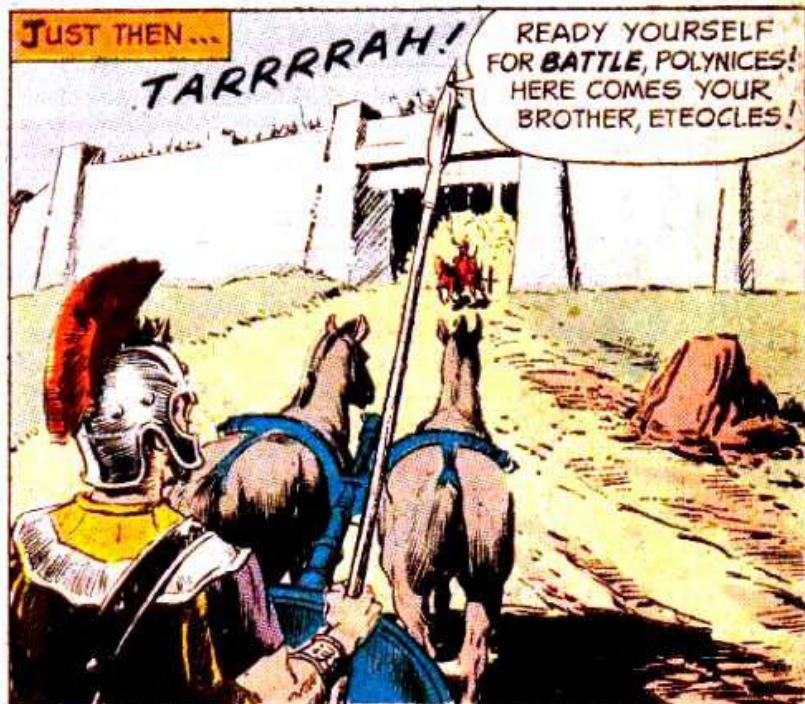
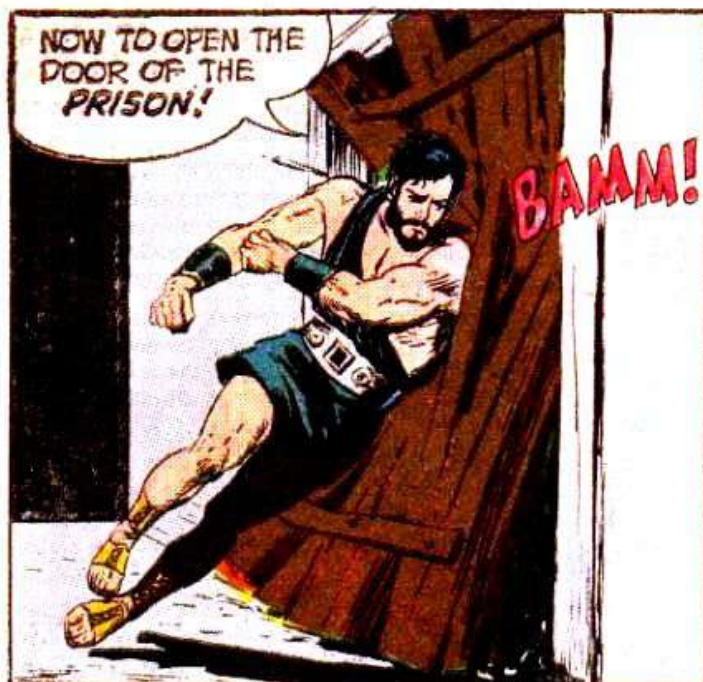
THE **TIGER PIT!**  
I'M TRAPPED!





















AS THE ARGIVES RETREAT IN DISORDER...

THOSE SIEGE TOWERS ARE OUR ONLY CHANCE! ORDER OUR ARCHERS TO SHOOT DOWN ON THE THEBANS!

AT ONCE, COMMANDER ANFIRAO!



HERCULES! THOSE ARGIVE BOWMEN WILL STOP THE ATTACK UNLESS--

I HAVE THE ANSWER FOR THAT, ULYSSES!



THIS GRAPPLING HOOK SHOULD DO THE TASK!



AND AS HERCULES' MASSIVE SHOULDERS HAUL AT THE LINE...

THE TOWER! IT'S GOING OVER!

EEEEYAH!





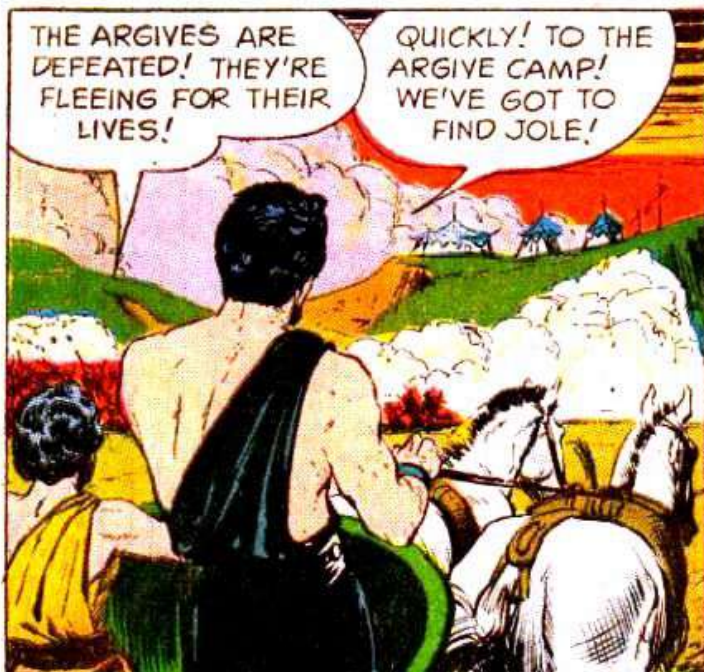


HERCULES! YOU'VE  
BROKEN THE BACK  
OF THEIR ATTACK!



IT'S OUR COMMANDER,  
ANFIRAO! HE WAS  
TRAPPED BY THE  
FALLING TOWER!

THEN THE BATTLE  
IS OVER! AND WE  
ARE LOST!



THE ARGIVES ARE  
DEFEATED! THEY'RE  
FLEEING FOR THEIR  
LIVES!

QUICKLY! TO THE  
ARGIVE CAMP!  
WE'VE GOT TO  
FIND JOLE!



THAT NIGHT ON THE BATTLEFIELD...

AND SO THE FATES TOOK THEIR  
REVENGE ON THE SONS OF OEDIPUS!  
AND NOW MAY OUR CITY BE PURIFIED BY  
THESE FLAMES-- THE BURNING SYMBOL  
OF OUR VICTORY AND OUR LOVE  
FOR FREEDOM!



JOLE, YOU'VE GONE  
THROUGH SO MUCH--  
THE FATES HAVE  
PLACED MANY TRIALS  
IN OUR PATH! BUT  
PERHAPS NOW...

I DO NOT FEAR  
FOR THE FUTURE,  
HERCULES-- AS  
LONG AS YOU  
ARE THERE TO  
SHARE IT WITH ME!

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# The Feats of Hercules

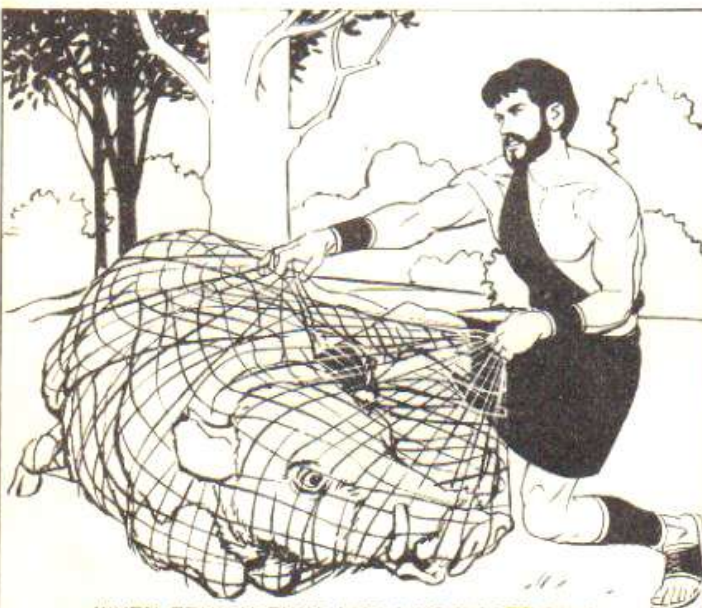
THROUGHOUT THE ANCIENT WORLD THE MIGHTY HERCULES WAS CELEBRATED FOR HIS FEATS OF STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE. HE WAS ORDERED TO DESTROY THE STYMPHALIAN BIRDS WHO RAVAGED THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH THEIR CLAWS AND BEAKS... THOUGH THEY USED THEIR FEATHERS FOR ARROWS,HERCULES SLEW THEM...



SINGLE HANDED,HE CARRIED THE FEROCIOUS THREE-HEADED DOG CERBERUS OUT OF HADES INTO THE UPPER WORLD...



THE ARCADIAN STAG DEFIED ALL HUNTERS WITH ITS GOLDEN ANTLERS AND BRAZEN HOOFST BUT HERCULES PURSUED IT FOR A WHOLE YEAR--- AND CAPTURED IT!



WHEN ERYMANTHUS WAS LAID WASTE BY A HUGE WILD BOAR,HERCULES CAPTURED THE CREATURE WITH A NET.



WHEN THE MONSTROUS GIGANTES ATTACKED OLYMPUS, THE GODS THEMSELVES CALLED HERCULES TO HELP THEM DESTROY THE TITANIC CREATURES.





**B**efore the walls of Thebes two mighty armies clash in a fierce struggle — with Hercules' native city as the prize!

And while brother fights against brother for one throne, a cynical mercenary waits to pick up the pieces of a shattered kingdom.

Then the mighty Hercules breaks out of the *Tower of Tigers* to fight for his country's freedom.

